(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House

Rail Yatri Niwas at Howrah

2273 SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to sell/lease the Railway Yatri Niwas at Howrah

(b) if so the reasons and the details thereof and

(c) if not the steps taken or proposed to be taken to utilise the Yatri Niwas more effectively for the benefit of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Only bonafide passengers are allowed to utilise Rail Yatri Niwas Services provided to such passengers are monitored constantly and necessary measures taken to bring about improvement This is an on going and continuous process

Facilities in Orissa Bound Trains

2274 DR KARTIKESWAR PATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the passenger facilities available in Orissa bound trains particularly in Neelachal and Utkal Expresses need improvement

(b whether the quality of food served in these trains is not upto the mark and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) Amenities as per existing norms have been provided in all trains including Orissa bound trains

(b) Some complaints were received

(c) Improvement in catering services is an on-going continuous process Steps taken/proposed to be taken include use of standard raw materials, use of modern kitchen appliances training to catering staff frequent inspections etc

Kharagpur-Khurda Road Line

2275 DR KARTIKESWAR PATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme to electrify the Kharagpur Khurda road line,

(b) if so the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project and the progress made so far in this regard, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Cost cum feasibility survey for electrification of Kharagpur-Waltair section of which Kharagpur Khurda Road section is a portion, has been included in the Railway Budget proposals for 1992 93 to assess the financial viability of the work Final decision will however, depend upon the results of the study as well as availability of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes